

PAT MORAN GLANCING PENNANT AT VAN LOAN'S "THE TEN THOUSAND-DOLLAR ARM"

PENNANT NOTIONS SEIZE PHILLIES AND THEIR ROOTERS FOR FIRST TIME

Moran Won't Admit It, Players "Sayin' Nuthin'" But That Sneakin' Idea Is Growing Bigger and Bigger—Other Teams Must Show More Class or Phils Are Almost Certain to Win.

Manager Moran and the Philly players contend that they are not thinking about predicting a pennant for the local National League club this year. But it is evident that every man on the team now is confident that the team will win out.

However, after winning three straight games from the Cardinals in a heart-breaking series, the Phillies played like a different ball club in practice yesterday. There was not the slightest sign of nervousness or strain.

Much Feared Cardinal Series Best Boost Yet

The series with the Cardinals was one that was cheered by the Phillies, particularly as Chalmers is on the injured list and Mayer has slumped up a trifle in his pitching.

Instead of being a disheartened club and one that is likely to skid badly, the Phillies today are such serious pennant contenders that there is not a team in the league that can hope to win out over the Phillies, unless they show by far more than they have to date.

With Breaks of Luck Phillies Should Win

Given the breaks of luck, the Phillies should win the pennant. It is rather early to talk of pennants, as the Phils have been in the lead before at this time of the year, but on those occasions they were wabbling badly with a crippled pitching staff.

Critical Series on With Chicago Cubs

The Chicago Cubs, considered by many critics and players as the likely winner of the National League pennant, open a four-game series with the Phillies today.

It is contended that the Cubs will not be able to stand the gaff if the finish of the pennant race in the National League is as close as most experts predict, but that Bresnahan's team of veterans will prove troublesome to the Phillies in the present series is certain.

Hitting Keeps Chicago Up Despite Erratic Pitching

Chicago is a dangerous hitting club under any conditions, and it is more so on the Philly field with its short fences. After Goode, a pitcher faces an array of clubbers right down to the pitcher who are likely to break up the game at any time.

In this respect the Cubs are very much like the Phillies of 1911, 1912 and 1913. They are also just as poor on the bases as the Phillies were, and it is said that some of the players are becoming unruly.

The Phillies gave the Cardinals a terrific jolt and it would be no great surprise to the fans if the Cubs also were soundly trounced.

St. Louis Glad to Get Away From Philadelphia

Manager Huggins was very glad the final game of the series between the Phils and Cardinals was canceled, as it staved off almost certain defeat, despite the fact that Doak, Huggins' star pitcher, was scheduled to twirl.

After the game had been called, the EVENING LEDGER representative heard four St. Louis players talking. Their conversation illustrated clearly just how they felt.

Jack Hayden, Manager, Is Vindicated

Jack Hayden, the local athlete, who was recently released as manager of the Louisville American Association club, has been vindicated. At the time of his release Hayden had the Colonels in second place, but Owner Wathens insisted that he should be leading the league.

"Boneheads" of Race Track and Ball Field

Jockey Butwell, who rode Sharpshooter in the Suburban Handicap, is an unfortunate young man. Butwell will be as famous as a "bonehead" on the race track as Fred Merkle, of the Giants, is on the ball field.

Butwell is a good jockey, one of the best, and the same can be said of Merkle as a ball player, but neither will ever be able to live down the name gained through one unfortunate mistake.

Butwell had a grand chance to win the \$5000 classic, but he pulled up, mistaking the judges' stand for the finish line. Thousands of dollars were lost on this mistake, as he not only failed to overhaul Stromboli, but he was beaten by Sammy Jackson when he slowed down.

Ed Walsh Comes Back in Great Style

Ed Walsh, "iron man" of other days, came back in great shape against the Athletics yesterday. Six hits were all that the Mackmen obtained, and they had but few chances to score.

The sale of Eddie Murphy to the White Sox was rather expected, and Rowland has a player who will be invaluable to him. Murphy's work was not up to standard with the Athletics this season, but he is by far a better ball player than he is credited with being.

Miller Huggins, manager of the Cardinals, denies "riding" Tom Long for his misplay on Thursday, but admits that he "explained" a few things to his young outfielder. Persons sitting in a box close to the Cardinals' bench and a ground attendant declare, however, that Huggins did "ride" Long, and in terms which almost caused the youngster to come to blows with his manager.

When the committee selected the athletes of the East to compete in the Penna-Pacific championships next month they pulled a Merkle, when they failed to name Jack Eller, of New York. Eller can concede the men selected yards in the hurdles and then defeat them. It is pleasing to note that the famous New Yorker may be able to go independently, though burglars gave his Princeton friend of \$125 a jolt when they stole that amount Tuesday in Brooklyn.

A GOLFER IS A NATURAL BORN OPTIMIST



THE BEST AND WORST FOR GOLFERS IN PREPARING FOR MATCHES

Physical Exercises That Hinder and Hurt Form; How They Should Be Avoided—Harry Vardon Praises Companionship of Lady Nicotine in His Play.

By HARRY VARDON Golf Champion of Great Britain.

When the golf season is at its height, the desire to excel all one's previous performances is an everyday ambition, and many a player is found to be wondering whether any form of special preparation is advisable for a match or tournament which he wants particularly to win.

The thing to do is to attend to the weak points in one's game before proceeding to the place of battle, and when there to take matters easily and not play a lot. An average of less than two rounds a day is sufficient, and it is often good to rest for a morning or an afternoon, or to stop at, say, the 12th hole if you feel tired and your partner is willing to suspend operations.

I would advise any aspirant to championship honors to limit his practice and experimenting in the tranquility of his home course three or four weeks before the tournament; when he reaches the scene of action he will discover that he can accomplish very much better taking part in matches. A month in advance is the time to try new clubs; then there is a chance for strangers in the bag to win the complete confidence of the player.

I do not believe in practicing for a very long period on a championship link. For one thing, the feet are not usually put right back until a day or two before the start of the competition, so that the ideas of distance which have become fixed in the mind are apt to lead to confusion. Indefinitely the worst form of preparation for a big event is a series of four-ball matches. I have no objection to the four-ball match as an entertaining way of spending a day, but it is very bad for one's golf.

This is the sixth of a series of articles on golf. Mr. Vardon is writing especially for the EVENING LEDGER. The seventh article will appear next Saturday.

MOTORCYCLE RACES AT POINT BREEZE

Bedell, Columbatto, and Halstead in Motor-paced Events at "Drome" Tonight.

A special program has been arranged for both today and tomorrow at Point Breeze Park. The feature of today's program will be the motorcycle and motor-paced races to be held this evening in the large open-air motodrome.

KELLY TO REPRESENT VESPERS IN NATIONAL

All-around Athlete Is in Hard Training for Singles Event in August.

J. B. Kelly, all-around oarsman of the Vesper Boat Club, has been chosen to represent that organization in the senior single shell event in the national races, which will be held in August.

WHAT MAY HAPPEN IN BASEBALL TODAY

Table with columns for National League and American League, listing teams (Phillies, Chicago, Boston, Detroit, etc.) and their records (Wins, Losses, Games Played, etc.).

THE TEN THOUSAND-DOLLAR ARM

One on First and One on Third—A Hit to Tie and the Old Arm Sore—The Old Man Tries the Last Trick and—The Glory of Knowing He Has Done His Best.

By CHARLES E. VAN LOAN The World's Most Famous Writer of Baseball Fiction.

Bruno Smelzer, first of the \$10,000 beauty pitchers, and a real one at that, took \$100,000 per cent. pay for the Blue Jays. He has one interest in life—his arm, and he takes good care of that.

Attempting a curve with his arm in its painful condition seemed like burning up the bag end of the ten-thousand-dollar wing, but Bruno set himself and let fly, and out of the corner of his eye he saw Halstead start down on the pitch.

Bruno hitched at his belt—it was his sign for his "break" ball. This time, with desperation to lend the wrist its old-time snap, the ball broke over the plate, taking the one chance in a thousand that the movement might confuse the catcher and make him miss the ball.



behind McLennon and trotted after the ball. Would the old fellow have the nerve to try his best trick in a pinch of this sort? Two strikes and no balls! Was there a chance to heckle McLennon into that instant's inattention?

Joe Borrell, local contender for middle-eight honors, may be matched to meet Buck Crouse, of Pittsburgh, at the Broadway Sporting Club, Brooklyn. Matchmaker John Weismantel is endeavoring to clinch the match.

After roughing it in the Canadian woods for several months, Johnny Coulton, former bantam champion, who has not appeared in the roped arena since his memorable battle with Kid Williams, plans to re-enter the ring. He expects to tackle Johnny Erlic, of St. Paul. Then, if he makes good, Coulton will try to get a return fight with Williams.

Quiet whistlings are going the rounds in St. Paul (the effect that the wonderful Mike Gibbons may retire because of a broken rib and torn ligaments suffered in his bout with Leo Hook in New York. These rumors, no doubt, are all bunk, as Mike can go along and beat nearly all of the middleweights with one arm tied behind his back.

POINT BREEZE PARK TONIGHT—SPECIAL—TONIGHT 30-MILE MOTORPACED RACE

National League Park Phillies vs. Chicago Game at 3 P. M. Admission 25, 50 and 75

NEWMAN PARK 52th below Market. RAYANA BEIN vs. FERNANDEZ and Ferrer; Teal and Fitzgerald.

EVENING LEDGER MOVIES—THE FANS AND PLAYERS ARE THINKING OF PULLING THAT LITTLE STUNT, LOUIE, SO BE THERE

